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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

28. A method for facilitating the bartering of publicly traded securities on a computerized system, comprising:

transmitting a list including multiple barter orders, each of said barter orders

including:

a first security including a quantity thereof to be sold in a barter,

a second security including a quantity thereof to be purchased in said barter,

a time within which said barter may occur,